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(57) Abstract: Developer composition obtainable by (a) providing water, (b) dissolving such an amount of an alkaline component selected from alkali silicates, alkali hydroxides, Na<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, NR<sub>4</sub>OH, wherein each R is independently selected from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl groups and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> hydroxyalkyl groups, and mixtures thereof in the water provided in step (a) that a pH of more than 12 is obtained, and (c) dissolving a stabilizer selected from M<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MHCO<sub>3</sub>, or a mixture of 2 or more thereof, wherein each M is independently selected from Li, Na, K and NR'<sub>4</sub> and each R' independently represents H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, in the solution obtained in step (b) wherein the amount of the added stabilizer is such that the amount of the added carbonate anion is 1.5 to 20 wt-%, based on the total weight of the developer composition.



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